



SE-MGRE-P
FROM Z-E-RO TO H-E-RO



AGENDA

TOPICS ~2h

- Intro into Semgrep
- Creation of custom rules
- CWE vs CVEs

LABS ~2h

- First contact with the Semgrep CLI
- Writing a custom rule
- Understanding taint flow
- Mob exercise - assessing your code together

~1h Lunch break

What is
this Semgrep thingy ...



History: SGREP (Syntactic GREP)

- Initially called [Sgrep/Pfff](#)
- Written By Yoann Padioleau at Facebook for analyzing PHP code
- Was used to Enforce Best Practices
- Easy for developers to organize and understand the rules
- Joined R2C and renamed Sgrep to Semgrep
- Goal was to match based on semantics of the code

Source: <https://semgrep.dev/blog/2021/semgrep-a-static-analysis-journey>

SE-MGRE-P IN A NUTSHELL

Fast and lightweight **static analysis tool** to find **bugs** and enforce **code standards**.

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SAST

[Sometimes also Static Analysis]

Static Application Security Testing

Goal: Find (hidden) vulnerability by reviewing your source code

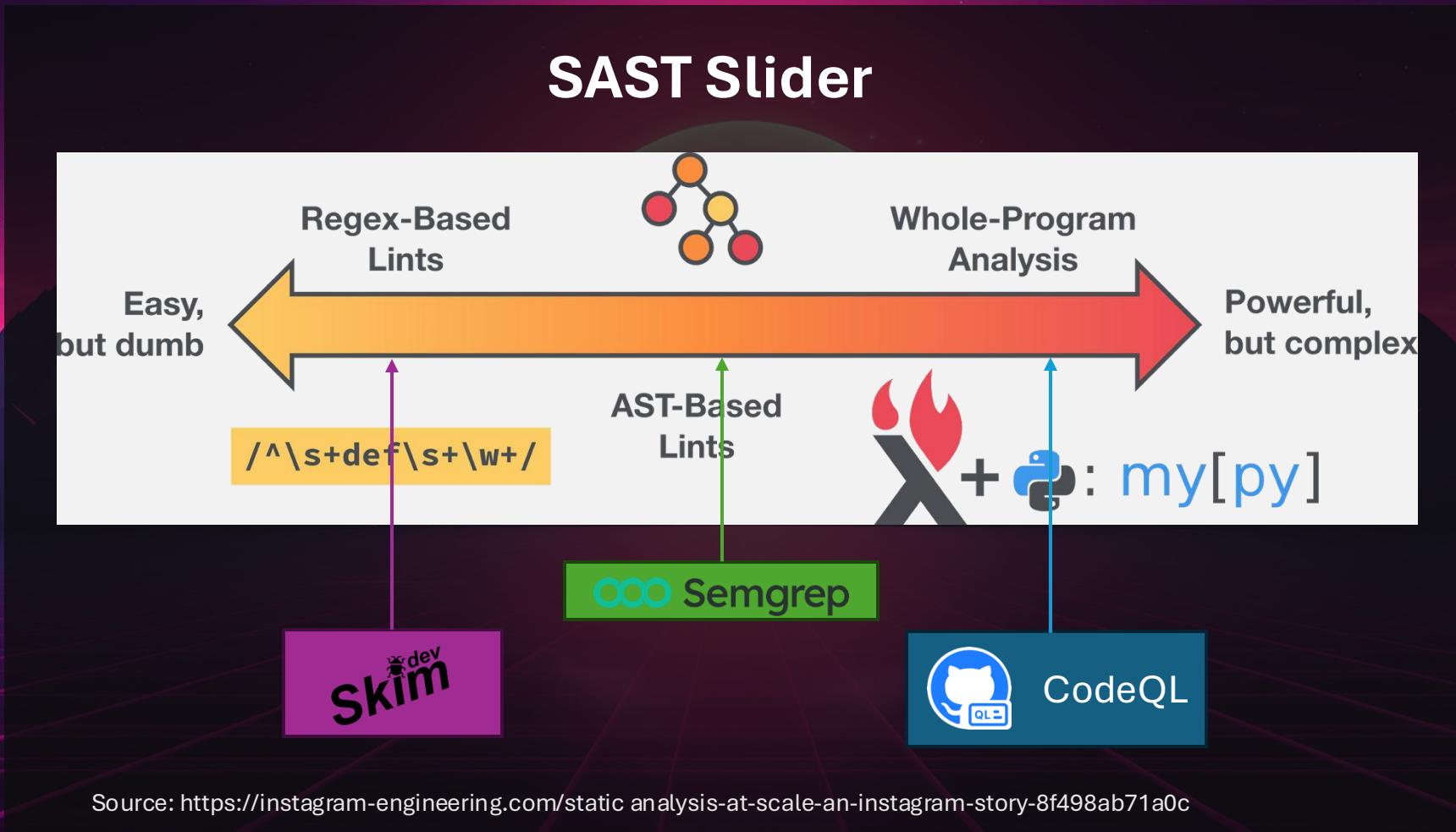
- Detection of flaws in an early stage
- Aids code reviews through automation
- Covers your whole codebase
- Can find injection flaws, deserialization, XSS, (Security) code smells and more

BUT

- Tons of output that needs to be assessed
- Sometimes a lot of false positives (fuzzy logic isn't the smartest)
- No replacement for Pentest or Dynamic Analysis
- Exotic coding languages might not be covered



SEMGREP IN A NUTSHELL



Why shall

I care about

 Semgrep



WHY ~~SE~~-MGR-E-P?

Problem: Find disabled SSL certificate validation in Python

Requests can also ignore verifying the SSL certificate if you set `verify` to False:

```
>>> requests.get('https://kennethreitz.org', verify=False)
<Response [200]>
```

Note that when `verify` is set to `False`, requests will accept any TLS certificate presented by the server, and will ignore hostname mismatches and/or expired certificates, which will make your application vulnerable to man-in-the-middle (MitM) attacks. Setting `verify` to `False` may be useful during local development or testing.

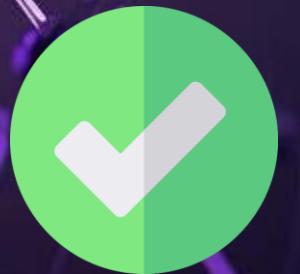
WHY USE GREP?

Let's use grep

```
import requests

def request1():
    return requests.get('https://securepayments.com/get-cc-data', verify=False)
```

```
$ grep "verify=False" request_problem.py
```



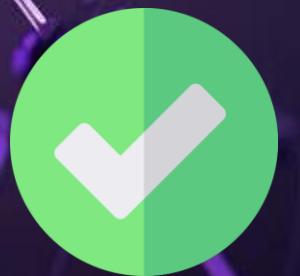
WHY USE GREP?

Let's use grep

```
import requests

def request2():
    return requests.get('https://securepayments.com/get-cc-data', verify = False)
```

```
$ grep "verify *= *False" request_problem.py
```



WHY USE GREP?

Let's use grep

```
import requests

def request3():
    VERY_TRUE = False
    r = requests.get('https://securepayments.com/get-cc-data', verify=VERY_TRUE)
    return r
```

```
$ grep "verify=?????" request_problem.py
```

YOU DIED



WHY USE GREP?

Let's use grep

*Feel the POWER of
REGULAR EXPRESSIONS!*

```
import requests  
  
def request3(  
    VERY_TRUE  
    r = requests  
    return r
```

```
$ grep "veri"
```

YOU DIED



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RegEx match open tags except XHTML self-contained tags

Asked 14 years, 11 months ago Modified 8 months ago Viewed 3.9m times

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I need to match all of these opening tags:

```
<p>
<a href="foo">
```

But not self-closing tags:

```
<br />
<hr class="foo" />
```

I came up with this and wanted to make sure I've got it right. I am only capturing the `a-z`.

```
<([a-z]+)*[^/]*?>
```

I believe it says:

- Find a less-than, then
- Find (and capture) a-z one or more times, then
- Find zero or more spaces, then
- Find any character zero or more times, greedy, except `/`, then
- Find a greater-than

Do I have that right? And more importantly, what do you think?

[html](#) [regex](#) [xhtml](#)
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You can't parse [X]HTML with regex. Because HTML can't be parsed by regex. Regex is not a tool that can be used to correctly parse HTML. As I have answered in [HTML-and-regex](#) questions here so many times before, the use of regex will not allow you to consume HTML. Regular expressions are a tool that is insufficiently sophisticated to understand the constructs employed by HTML. HTML is not a regular language and hence cannot be parsed by regular expressions. Regex queries are not equipped to break down HTML into its meaningful parts. so many times but it is not getting to me. Even enhanced irregular regular expressions as used by Perl are not up to the task of parsing HTML. You will never make me crack. HTML is a language of sufficient complexity that it cannot be parsed by regular expressions. Even Jon Skeet cannot parse HTML using regular expressions. Every time you attempt to parse HTML with regular expressions, the unholy child weeps the blood of virgins, and Russian hackers pwn your webapp. Parsing HTML with regex summons tainted souls into the realm of the living. HTML and regex go together like love, marriage, and ritual infanticide. The `<center>` cannot hold it is too late. The force of regex and HTML together in the same conceptual space will destroy your mind like so much watery putty. If you parse HTML with regex you are giving in to Them and their blasphemous ways which doom us all to inhuman toil for the One whose Name cannot be expressed in the Basic Multilingual Plane, he comes. HTML-plus-regexp will liquify the nerves of the sentient whilst you observe, your psyche withering in the onslaught of horror. RegEx-based HTML parsers are the cancer that is killing StackOverflow *it is too late it is too late we cannot be saved* the transgression of a child ensures regex will consume all living tissue (except for HTML which it cannot, as previously prophesied) *dear lord help us how can anyone survive this scourge* using regex to parse HTML has doomed humanity to an eternity of dread torture and security holes *using regex as a tool to process HTML establishes a breach between this world and the dread realm of corrupt entities* (like SGML entities, but *more corrupt*) *a mere glimpse of the world of regex parsers for HTML will instantly transport a programmer's consciousness into a world of ceaseless screaming, he comes, the pestilent slithy regex-infection will devour your HTML parser, application and existence for all time like Visual Basic only worse he comes he comes do not fight he comes, his unholy radiañcē destroying all enlightenment, HTML tags leaking from your eyes like liquid pain, the song of regular expression parsing will extinguish the voices of mortal man from the sphere I can see it can you see it is beautiful the final snuffing of the lies of Man ALL IS LOST ALL IS LOST the pony he comes he comes he comes he comes he comes the ichor permeates all MY FACE MY FACE oh god no NO NOOO NO stop the angles are not real ZALGO IS TONY THE PONY HE COMES*

Have you tried using an XML parser instead?

RegEx match open tags except XHTML self-contained tags

Asked 13 years, 5 months ago Modified 1 month ago Viewed 3



Answers

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votes

The slide features a large, semi-transparent title 'Regex be like:' in white. Below it is a massive, complex regular expression pattern composed of many nested and overlapping regex groups, creating a visual effect of depth and complexity. The background is dark, making the white text stand out.

Have you tried using an XML parser instead?

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edited Nov 14 at 0:1

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Regular Expression

`if\(.+\)`

Test String

`if(somecondition) ✓`
`if (somecondition) ✗`

`if\s*\(.+\)`

`if(somecondition) ✓`
`if (somecondition) ✓`

`if(a == b)`

`if(a==b) ✓`

`if(`
`a==b ✗`
`)`



problem ?

Regular Expression

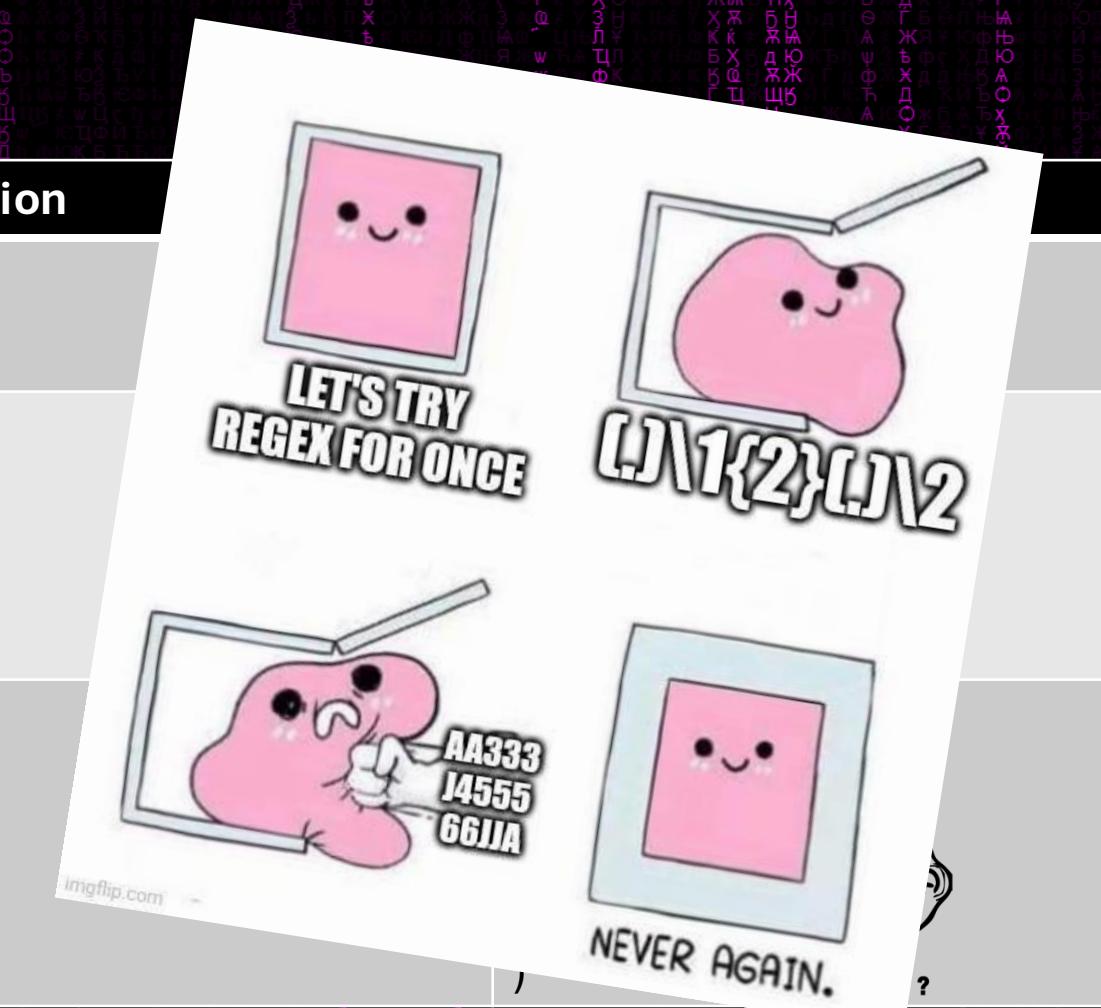
if(.+\\)

if\\s*\\(.+\\)

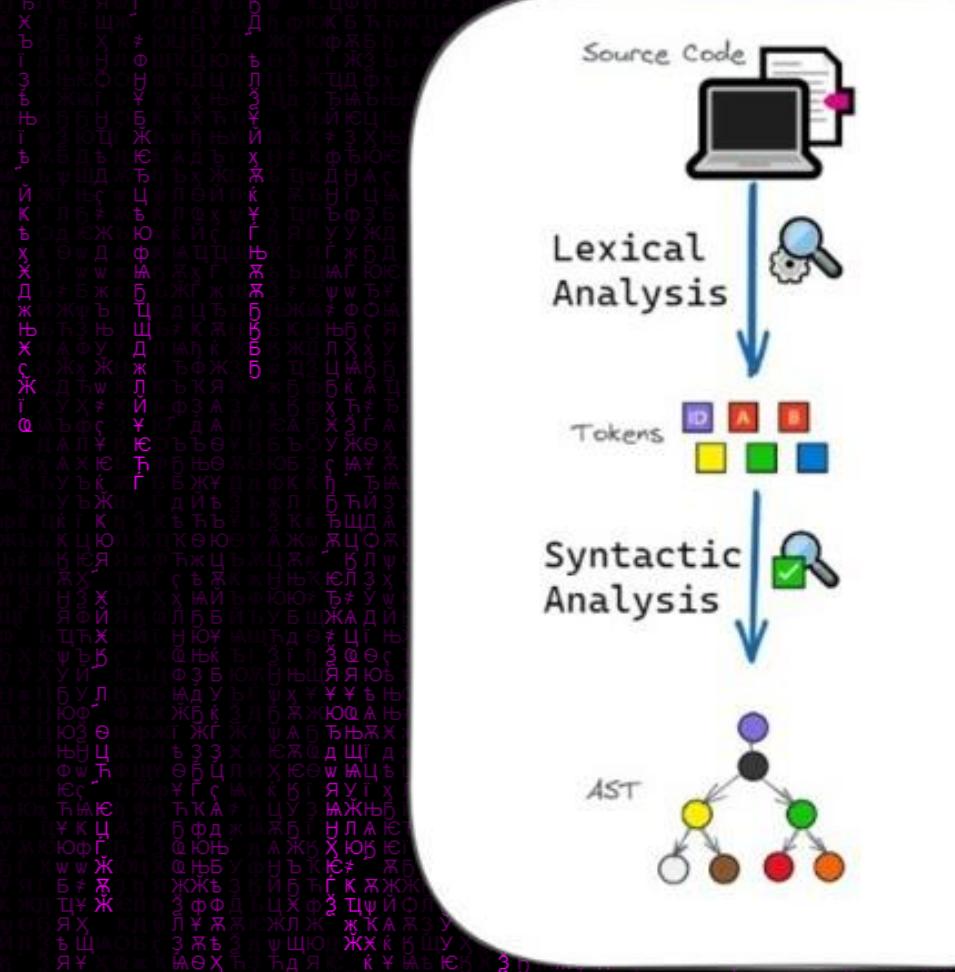
if(a == b)

CODE IS NOT A STRING, IT'S A TREE

String != Tree



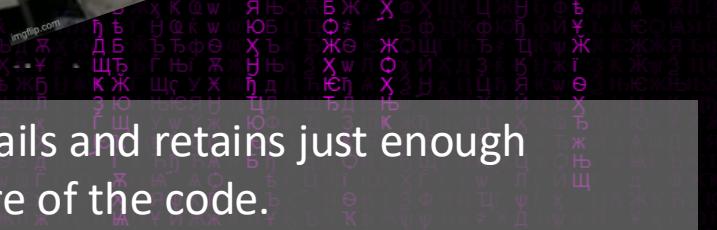
ABSTRACT SYNTAX TREE



An Abstract Syntax Tree (AST) abstracts away certain details and retains just enough information to help the compiler understand the structure of the code.

ABSTRACT SYNTAX TREE

IS AMAZING



CUTTING OUT THE NOISE WITH SEMGREP-TYPED METAVARIABLES

Typed metavariable in Semgrep is a placeholder that only matches code elements of a specified type, enhancing pattern precision by filtering irrelevant matches.

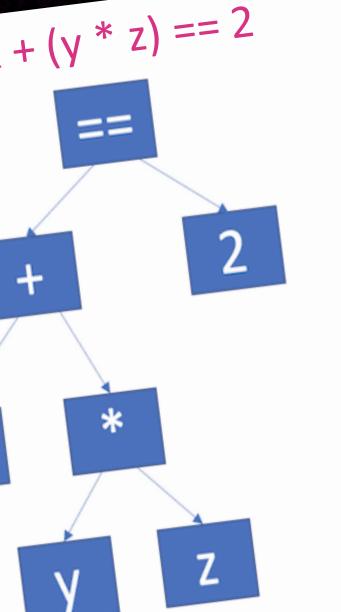
How It Works:

- Remembers types for local variables and arguments to match specific code elements
- Semgrep analyzes code as an AST, not just plain text.

→ **Regex** in comparison matches on plain text, that is often leading to false positives or missed matches in complex code.

Advantages:

- Ensures matches are structurally and semantically correct, reducing false positives



REVEALING THE MAGIC

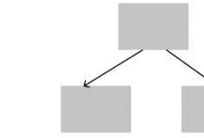


Pattern



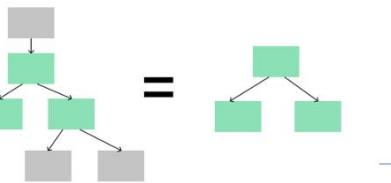
Code

Convert to AST



Convert to AST

Semgrep parses the pattern and code into a generic AST, then traverses the code's AST to structurally compare them and outputs matched results.



Compare ASTs to find matching structures

Matches (1)

Run with docker image: 0.14.0 in 0.42s (show steps)

8: Don't pass a String directly to findUser

http-responsewriter-write WARNING

Output matching elements



SE-MGRE-P TO THE RE-SCUE

```
~ bat request_problem.py
File: request_problem.py
1 import requests
2
3 def request3():
4     VERY_TRUE = False
5     r = requests.get('https://securepayments.com/get-cc-data', verify=VERY_TRUE)
6     return r

~ semgrep -e "requests.get(..., verify=False)" -l py request_problem.py

1 Code Finding

request_problem.py
5| r = requests.get('https://securepayments.com/get-cc-data', verify=VERY_TRUE)

Scan Summary

Ran 1 rule on 1 file: 1 finding.
```



LABI: FIRST CONTACT

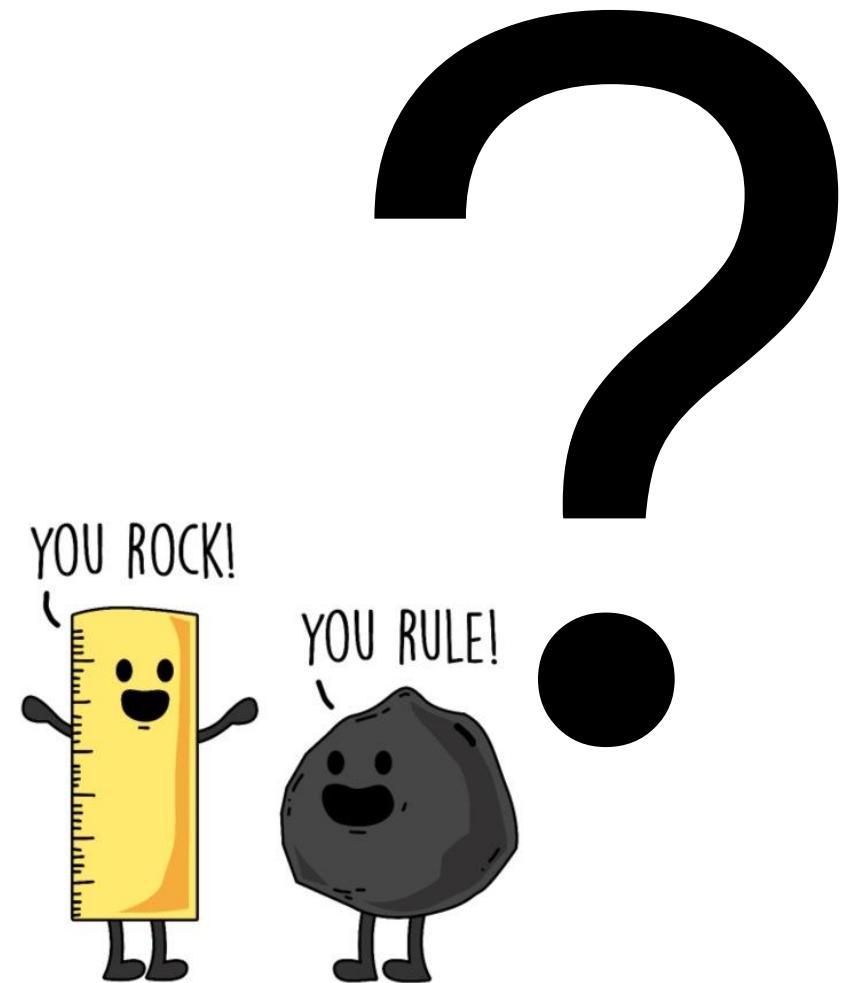
Time estimation: 20min

Topics:

- Exploring the CLI
- CI vs Scan
- First scan
- Ignored rules



**Where are
those rules...**



SEMGREP REGISTRY

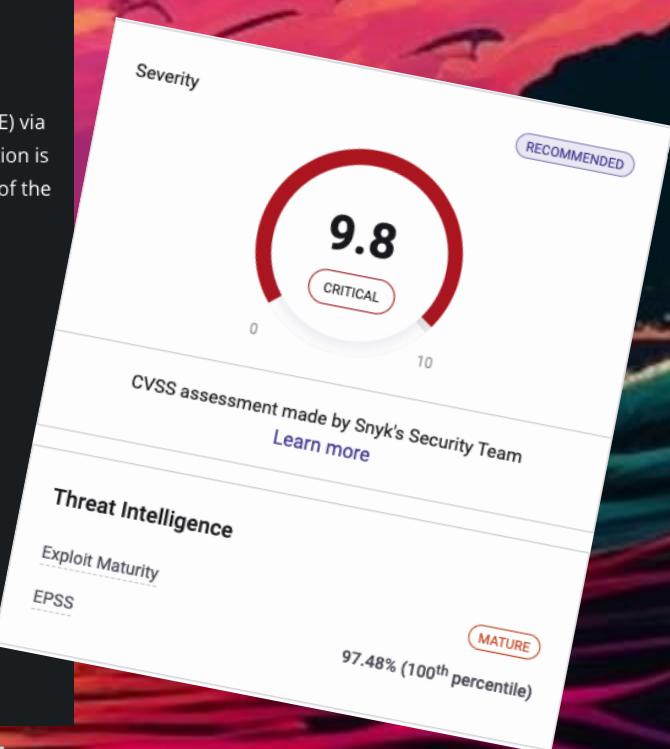
- >3.8k rules Publicly available
- More available for Pro licence
- Support for 20+ Languages
- \$ semgrep –config=auto

Hint: You can interact with a big variety of rules in the Playground (you will have chances to see this in the labs)

The screenshot shows the Semgrep Registry website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for 'Registry' (which is active), 'Playground', 'Products', 'Pricing', and 'Docs'. On the right side of the header, there's a user profile icon labeled 'raccoon-rumble'. Below the header, there are two tabs: 'Explore' (which is active) and 'Search'. A search input field contains the placeholder 'Keywords (try xss, django, or regex)'. To the right of the search field are dropdown menus for 'Language', 'Category', 'Technology', 'OWASP', 'Severity', and 'Visibility'. The main content area has a heading 'Rulesets (78)' with a 'show all' link. Below this, there are three cards: 'c' (Default ruleset for C and C++, curated by Semgrep. by Semgrep), 'xss' (Find XSS vulnerabilities in your code base. by Semgrep), and 'php' (Default ruleset for PHP, curated by Semgrep. by Semgrep). At the bottom of the page, it says 'Sorted by relevance' and 'Add to Policy'.

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The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the Spring Security Advisory page for CVE-2022-22965. The page has a dark background with a colorful, abstract wave pattern on the left side. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Spring logo, "spring by VMware Tanzu", and links for "Why Spring", "Learn", and "Project". Below the navigation, the title "Spring Security Advisories" is displayed, along with a link to "All advisories". The main content area features a large heading for the specific vulnerability: "CVE-2022-22965: Spring Framework RCE via Data Binding on JDK 9+". Below the heading, a red banner displays the status "CRITICAL | MARCH 31, 2022 | CVE-2022-22965". The "Description" section explains that a Spring MVC or Spring WebFlux application running on JDK 9+ may be vulnerable to remote code execution (RCE) via data binding. It notes that the exploit requires Tomcat as a WAR deployment but is not vulnerable if deployed as a Spring Boot executable jar. The "Prerequisites" section lists requirements such as JDK 9 or higher, Apache Tomcat, and specific Spring dependencies. The "Affected Products and Versions" section lists the Spring Framework versions affected, ranging from 5.3.0 to 5.3.17, 5.2.0 to 5.2.19, and older unsupported versions.



Source: <https://spring.io/security/cve-2022-22965>

EXPLORATION SPRING 4 SHELL



inTheWild

Vulnerability Feed

Exploitations 1 Exploits 63

Vulnerability ID	Description	Date of first report of exploitation	All reports that were made to a vulnerability
CVE-2022-22965	A Spring MVC or Spring WebFlux application running on JDK 9+ may be vulnerable to remote code execution...	03/31/2022	03/31/2022 04/04/2022

Exploitation started at the same day of the PoC release

SPOLOITUS

CVE-2022-22965

Title only

Exploits

Sort by default date score

9.8 Exploit for Code Injection in Vmware Spring Framework
2022-04-03

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```
## https://sploit.us/exploit?id=85BCA050-E6D6-55FF-A843-F49E52F30346
# Spring Boot CVE-2022-22965
Docker PoC for CVE-2022-22965 with Spring Boot version 2.6.5

![Shell](shell.png "Shell image")

## Getting Started
1. Download the distribution code from https://github.com/itsecurityco/CVE-2022-22965/archive/refs/heads/master.zip and unzip it.
2. Run `docker compose up --build` to build and start the vulnerable application.
3. Run `curl -H "Accept: text/html;" "http://localhost:8080/demo/itsecurityco?class.module.classLoader.resources.context.parent.pipeline.first.pattern=%257b%63%6f%64%65%7d%69&class.module.classLoader.resources.context.parent.pipeline.first.suffix=.jsp&class.module.classLoader.resources.context.parent.pipeline.first.content=%257b%63%6f%64%65%7d%69&class.module.classLoader.resources.context.parent.pipeline.first.charset=UTF-8"`. The response will contain the exploit payload.
```

PoC Code was weaponized quickly and distributed (f.e. GitHub and Twitter)

Source: <https://spring.io/security/cve-2022-22965>

SPRING 4 SHELL

EXPLOITABILITY

1. JDK9 or above
2. Standalone Tomcat (no Embedded Tomcat) with WAR deployment
3. Any Springversion before 5.3.18/5.2.20 (SpringBoot before 2.5.12 / 2.6.6)
4. No blocklist on WebDataBinder / InitBinder
5. Writeable filesystem (e.g. webapps / ROOT)
6. Parameter bind with POJOs directly
(no **@RequestBody**, **@RequestQuery**, etc.)



SPRING 4 SHELL

PoC Code to understand the Issue

Code

Blame

23 lines (18 loc) · 686 Bytes

```
1 package com.example.demo.controller;  
2  
3 import com.example.demo.model.EvalBean;  
4 //import org.springframework.web.bind.WebDataBinder;  
5 //import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.InitBinder;  
6 import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RequestMapping;  
7 import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RestController;  
8  
9 @RestController  
10 public class IndexController {  
11  
12     @RequestMapping("/index")  
13     public void index(EvalBean evalBean) {  
14  
15     }  
16  
17     //@InitBinder  
18     //public void initBinder(WebDataBinder binder) {  
19     //    // mitigation:  
20     //    String[] blackList = { "class.*", "Class.*", "*.class.*", ".*Class.*" };  
21     //    binder.setDisallowedFields(blackList);  
22     //}  
23 }
```

Source: <https://github.com/DDuarte/springshell-rce-poc/blob/master/src/main/java/com/example/demo/controller/IndexController.java>

SPRING 4 SHELL

Rule derived from PoC Code

```
1 rules:
2 - id: cve-2022-22965
3 patterns:
4   - pattern: "@$MAP(...) $R $M(..., $Y $X, ...) { ... }"
5     # Classes and annotations that do not have the vulnerability based on:
6     # https://docs.spring.io/spring-framework/docs/5.3.18/javadoc-api/org/springframework/beans/BeanUtils.html#isSimpleValueType-java.lang.Class-
7     # https://docs.spring.io/spring-framework/docs/current/reference/html/web.html#mvc-ann-arguments
8   - pattern-not: "@$MAP(...) $R $M(..., @CookieValue(...) $Y $X, ...) { ... }"
9   - pattern-not: "@$MAP(...) $R $M(..., @MatrixVariable(...) $Y $X, ...) { ... }"
10  - pattern-not: "@$MAP(...) $R $M(..., @PathVariable(...) $Y $X, ...) { ... }"
11  - pattern-not: "@$MAP(...) $R $M(..., @RequestAttribute(...) $Y $X, ...) { ... }"
12  - pattern-not: "@$MAP(...) $R $M(..., @RequestBody(...) $Y $X, ...) { ... }"
13  - pattern-not: "@$MAP(...) $R $M(..., @RequestHeader(...) $Y $X, ...) { ... }"
14  - pattern-not: "@$MAP(...) $R $M(..., @RequestParam(...) $Y $X, ...) { ... }"
15  - pattern-not: "@$MAP(...) $R $M(..., @RequestPart(...) $Y $X, ...) { ... }"
16  - pattern-not: "@$MAP(...) $R $M(..., @SessionAttribute(...) $Y $X, ...) { ... }"
17  - pattern-not: "@$MAP(...) $R $M(..., @SessionAttributes(...) $Y $X, ...) { ... }"
18  - pattern-not: "@$MAP(...) $R $M(..., String $X, ...) { ... }"
19  - pattern-not: "@$MAP(...) $R $M(..., boolean $X, ...) { ... }"
20  - pattern-not: "@$MAP(...) $R $M(..., byte $X, ...) { ... }"
21  - pattern-not: "@$MAP(...) $R $M(..., char $X, ...) { ... }"
22  - pattern-not: "@$MAP(...) $R $M(..., short $X, ...) { ... }"

99  - metavariable-pattern:
100    metavariable: $MAP
101    pattern-either:
102      - pattern: RequestMapping
103      - pattern: GetMapping
104      - pattern: PostMapping
105      - pattern: PutMapping
106      - pattern: DeleteMapping
107      - pattern: PatchMapping
108    message: Semgrep found a match
109    languages:
110      - java
111    severity: WARNING
112    metadata:
113      category: security
114      cwe: "CWE-94: Improper Control of Generation of Code ('Code Injection')"
115      owp: "A1: Injection"
116      technology:
117        - spring
```

Pattern for finding the issue

90 patterns to reduce noise conducted by not vulnerable code

Metavariables and context for the rule



SPRING 4 SHELL

Rule derived from PoC Code



1 rules:
2 - id: cve-2022-22965
3

DON'T WORRY ABOUT A THING 'CAUSE every LITTLE THING IS GONNA BE ALRIGHT!

108 -- pattern: PatchMapping
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To understand the magic behind a rule better, we learn it practical. All will be fine and don't forget to carry your towel!

for finding the issue

beans/BeanUtils.html#isSimpleValueType-java.lang.Class-

nn-argume

LAB2: A RULE TO FIND THEM AND RULE THEM ALL

Time estimation: 15min

Topics:

- Search Mode
- Writing the first rule
- Covering Business Logic
- IDE / Playground



**What is
a CVE and a CWE**

?



WHAT IS CVE?



Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVE) (also called "CVE names", "CVE numbers", "CVE-IDs", and "CVEs")

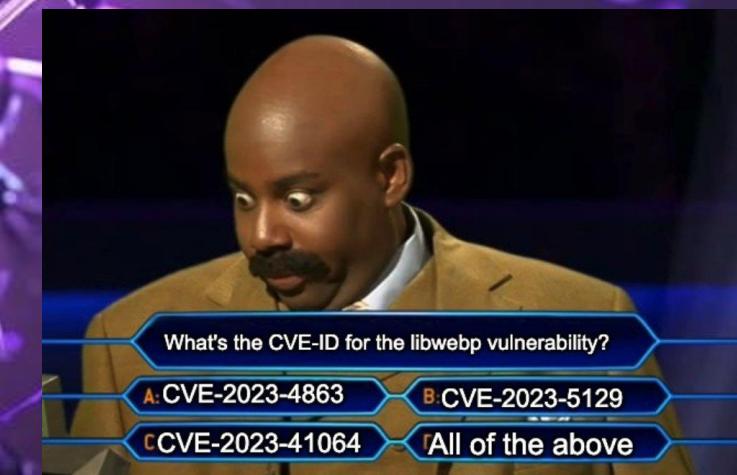
- Done by MITRE Corporation
- publicly released list of known computer security threats.
- Catalog of vulnerabilities in products.

CVE

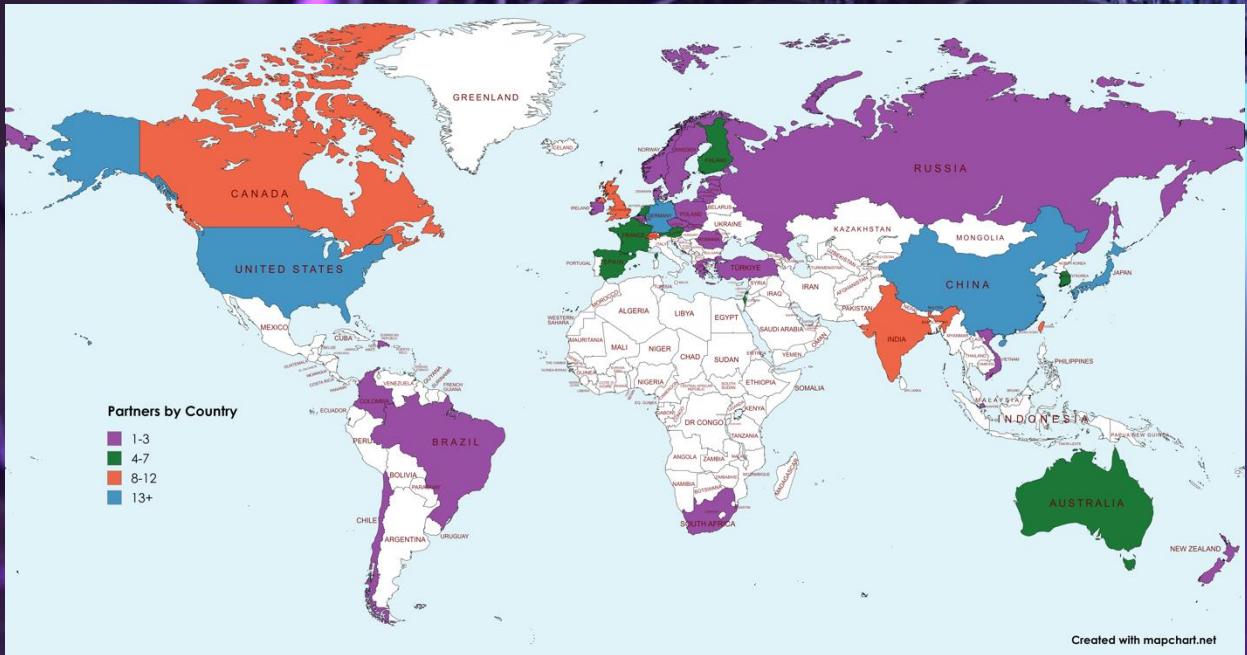
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SYNTAX OF CVE

- **Structure:**
 - CVE prefix + Year + Arbitrary Digits
- **Variable Length Digits:**
 - Starts with four fixed digits
 - Expands with additional digits only as needed within a calendar year
 - Examples:
 - CVE-YYYY-NNNN
 - CVE-YYYY-NNNNN (if needed)
 - CVE-YYYY-NNNNNN (and so on)



CVE NUMBERING AUTHORITIES [CNAs]

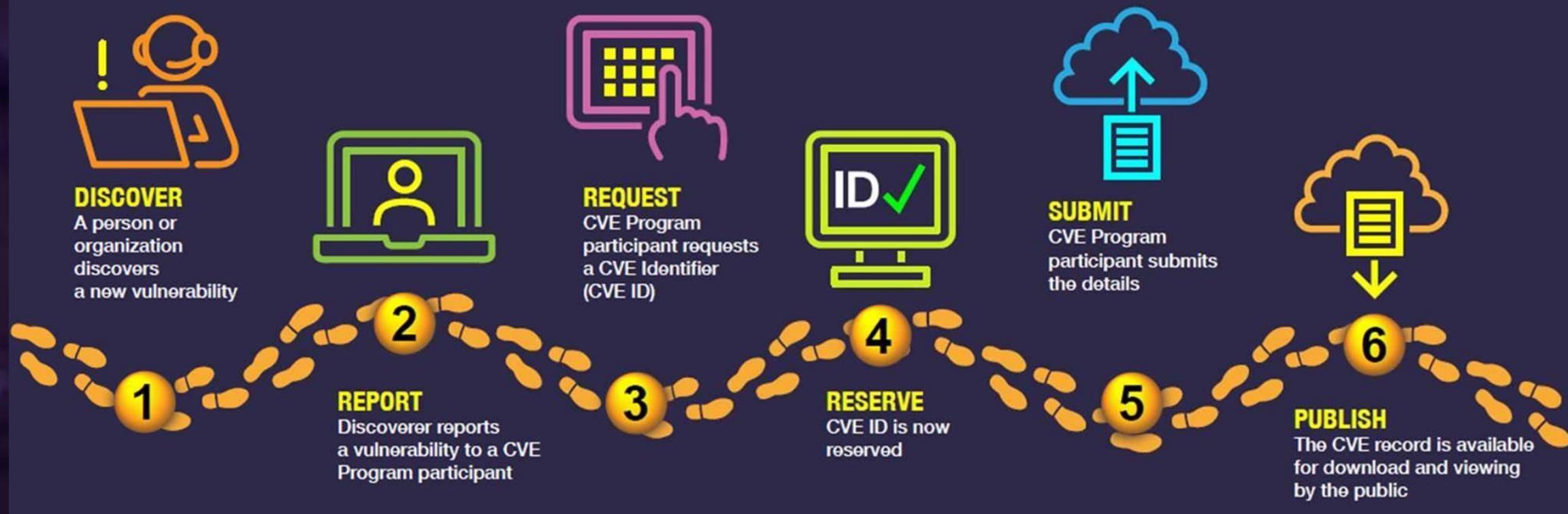


CVE identifiers (or CVE IDs) are assigned by a CVE Numbering Authority (CNA).

Currently, there are **414 CNAs** from 40 countries and 1 no country affiliation participating in the CVE Program, including security companies, research organizations, and major IT vendors such as Red Hat, IBM, Cisco, Oracle, and Microsoft. MITRE can also issue CVEs directly.

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HOW CVE IS BEING CREATED?



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WHAT IS CWE?



- A “weakness” is a condition in a software, firmware, hardware, or service component that, under certain circumstances, could contribute to the introduction of vulnerabilities.
- CWE (Common Weakness Enumeration) is a community-developed list of common software and hardware weakness types that could have security ramifications. Weakness conditions are in many cases introduced by the developer during development of the product.

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WHAT IS CWE?



- Even though developers may have vastly different coding practices, they are all capable of introducing the same common type of weaknesses,
- The CWE List and associated taxonomies and classification schemes serve as a language that can be used to identify and describe these weaknesses in terms of "CWEs".

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WHAT KINDS OF THINGS DOES A CWE INCLUDE?

- A CWE is assigned an ID in the form CWE-<ID>, where the <ID> is simply a unique number chosen at the time of assignment (e.g., “CWE-798”). The CWE-ID is followed by a descriptive name for the weakness (e.g., “CWE-798: Use of Hard-coded Credentials”).
 - Name
 - Summary
 - Extended Description
 - Modes of Introduction
 - Potential Mitigations
 - Common Consequences
 - Applicable Platforms
 - Demonstrative Examples
 - Observed Examples
 - Relationships
 - References

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BE-N-E-FITS OF CWE



- CWE allows developers to minimize weaknesses in their software as early in the lifecycle as possible, improving its overall security.
- CWE helps reduce risk industry-wide by enabling more effective community discussion about finding and mitigating these weaknesses in existing software and reducing them in future updates and releases.
- CWE enables more effective description, selection, and use of the software security tools and services that organizations can use to find these weaknesses and reduce their risk now.

Show me your SDLC I will say
How much secure it is

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2023 CWE TOP 25 MOST DANGEROUS SOFTWARE WEAKNESSES

The screenshot shows the official CWE website's "Top 25" section. At the top right, there are two circular badges: one for "Top 25" and another for "Top HW CWE". Below them is a link to "New to CWE? Start here!". The main title is "2023 CWE Top 25 Most Dangerous Software Weaknesses". Below the title are several navigation links: "Home", "About", "CWE List", "Mapping", "Top-N Lists", "Community", "News", and "Search". There is also a "Share via:" button with a Twitter icon, a "View in table format" button, a "Key Insights" button, and a "Methodology" button. The main content area lists the top 11 weaknesses from 1 to 11, each with a blue numbered box:

Rank	Weakness Description	CWE ID	CVEs in KEV	Rank Last Year	Change
1	Out-of-bounds Write	CWE-787	70	1	
2	Improper Neutralization of Input During Web Page Generation ('Cross-site Scripting')	CWE-79	4	2	
3	Improper Neutralization of Special Elements used in an SQL Command ('SQL Injection')	CWE-89	6	3	
4	Use After Free	CWE-416	44	7 (up 3)	▲
5	Improper Neutralization of Special Elements used in an OS Command ('OS Command Injection')	CWE-78	23	6 (up 1)	▲
6	Improper Input Validation	CWE-20	35	4 (down 2)	▼
7	Out-of-bounds Read	CWE-125	2	5 (down 2)	▼
8	Improper Limitation of a Pathname to a Restricted Directory ('Path Traversal')	CWE-22	16	8	
9	Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF)	CWE-352	0	9	
10	Unrestricted Upload of File with Dangerous Type	CWE-434	5	10	
11	Missing Authorization	CWE-862	0	16 (up 5)	▲

SOME EXAMPLES

CWE-79: Improper Neutralization of Input During Web Page Generation ('Cross-site Scripting')

Weakness ID: 79

Vulnerability Mapping: ALLOWED

Abstraction: Base

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Description

The product does not neutralize or incorrectly neutralizes user-controllable input before it is placed in output that is used as a web page that is served to other users.

Extended Description

Cross-site scripting (XSS) vulnerabilities occur when:

1. Untrusted data enters a web application, typically from a web request.
2. The web application dynamically generates a web page that contains this untrusted data.
3. During page generation, the application does not prevent the data from containing content that is executable by a web browser, such as JavaScript, HTML tags, HTML attributes, mouse events, Flash, ActiveX, etc.
4. A victim visits the generated web page through a web browser, which contains malicious script that was injected using the untrusted data.
5. Since the script comes from a web page that was sent by the web server, the victim's web browser executes the malicious context of the web server's domain.
6. This effectively violates the intention of the web browser's same-origin policy, which states that scripts in one able to access resources or run code in a different domain.

There are three main kinds of XSS:

- **Type 1: Reflected XSS (or Non-Persistent)** - The server reads data directly from the HTTP request and reflects it in the HTTP response. Reflected XSS exploits occur when an attacker causes a victim to supply dangerous content to an application, which is then reflected back to the victim and executed by the web browser. The most common method of delivering malicious content is to include it as a parameter in a URL that is posted publicly or e-mailed directly to the victim. URLs constructed in this manner constitute the core of many phishing schemes, whereby an attacker convinces a victim to refer to a vulnerable site. After the site reflects the attacker's content back to the victim, the content is executed in the victim's browser.
- **Type 2: Stored XSS (or Persistent)** - The application stores dangerous data in a database, message forum, visit trusted data store. At a later time, the dangerous data is subsequently read back into the application and included in the content. From an attacker's perspective, the optimal place to inject malicious content is in an area that is displayed to users or particularly interesting users. Interesting users typically have elevated privileges in the application or interact with data that is valuable to the attacker. If one of these users executes malicious content, the attacker may be able to perform privileged operations on behalf of the user or gain access to sensitive data belonging to the user. For example, the attacker could inject XSS into a log message, which might not be handled properly when an administrator views the logs.
- **Type 0: DOM-Based XSS** - In DOM-based XSS, the client performs the injection of XSS into the page; in the other type, the server performs the injection. DOM-based XSS generally involves server-controlled, trusted script that is sent to the client. Javascript that performs sanity checks on a form before the user submits it. If the server-supplied script processes user data and then injects it back into the web page (such as with dynamic HTML), then DOM-based XSS is possible.

Once the malicious script is injected, the attacker can perform a variety of malicious activities. The attacker could transfer private information, such as cookies that may include session information, from the victim's machine to the attacker. The attacker could make malicious requests to a web site on behalf of the victim, which could be especially dangerous to the site if the victim has administrative privileges to manage that site. Phishing attacks could be used to emulate trusted web sites and trick the victim into entering a password, allowing the attacker to compromise the victim's account on that web site. Finally, the script could exploit a vulnerability in the web browser itself, possibly taking over the victim's machine, sometimes referred to as "drive-by hacking."

In many cases, the attack can be launched without the victim even being aware of it. Even with careful users, attackers frequently use a variety of methods to encode the malicious portion of the attack, such as URL encoding or Unicode, so the request looks less suspicious.

Observed Examples

Reference
CVE-2021-25926
CVE-2021-25963
CVE-2021-1879
CVE-2020-3580
CVE-2014-8958
CVE-2017-9764
CVE-2014-5198
CVE-2008-5080
CVE-2006-4308
CVE-2007-5727
CVE-2008-5770
CVE-2008-4730
CVE-2008-5734
CVE-2008-0971
CVE-2008-5249
CVE-2006-3568
CVE-2006-3211
CVE-2006-3295

Description

Python Library Manager did not sufficiently neutralize a user-supplied search term, allowing reflected XSS. Python-based e-commerce platform did not escape returned content on error pages, allowing for reflected Cross-Site Scripting attacks. Universal XSS in mobile operating system, as exploited in the wild per CISA KEV. Chain: improper input validation ([CWE-20](#)) in firewall product leads to XSS ([CWE-79](#)), as exploited in the wild per CISA KEV. Admin GUI allows XSS through cookie. Web stats program allows XSS through crafted HTTP header. Web log analysis product allows XSS through crafted HTTP Referer header. Chain: protection mechanism failure allows XSS. Chain: incomplete denylist ([CWE-184](#)) only checks "javascript:" tag, allowing XSS ([CWE-79](#)) using other tags. Chain: incomplete denylist ([CWE-184](#)) only removes SCRIPT tags, enabling XSS ([CWE-79](#)). Reflected XSS using the PATH_INFO in a URL. Reflected XSS not properly handled when generating an error message. Stored XSS in a security product. Stored XSS using a wiki page. Stored XSS in a guestbook application. Stored XSS in a guestbook application using a javascript: URI in a bbcode img tag. Stored XSS in a guestbook application using a javascript: URI in a direct request ([CWE-425](#)), leading to reflected XSS ([CWE-79](#)). Chain: library file is not protected against a direct request ([CWE-425](#)), leading to reflected XSS ([CWE-79](#)).

Weakness Ordinances

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Library +

e.g.: python.flask

structure NEW advanced

1 rules:
2 - id: tainted-sql-string
3 languages:
4 | - java
5 severity: ERROR
6 message: User data flows into this manually-constructed SQL string. User data
7 can be safely inserted into SQL strings using prepared statements or an
8 object-relational mapper (ORM). Manually-constructed SQL strings is a
9 possible indicator of SQL injection, which could let an attacker steal or
10 manipulate data from the database. Instead, use prepared statements
11 ('connection.PreparedStatement') or a safe library.
12 metadata:
13 cwe:
14 | - "CWE-89: Improper Neutralization of Special Elements used in an SQL
15 | | Command ('SQL Injection')
16 owasp:
17 | - A01:2017 - Injection
18 | - A03:2021 - Injection
19 references:
20 | - <https://docs.oracle.com/javase/7/docs/api/java/sql/PreparedStatement.html>
21 category: security
22 technology:
23 | - spring
24 license: Commons Clause License Condition v1.0[LGPL-2.1-only]
25 cwe2022-top25: true
26 cwe2021-top25: true
27 subcategory:
28 | - vuln
29 likelihood: HIGH
30 impact: MEDIUM
31 confidence: MEDIUM
32 interfile: true
33 vulnerability_class:
34 | - SQL Injection
35 options:
36 | taint_assume_safe_numbers: true
37 | taint_assume_safe_booleans: true
38 | interfile: true
39 mode: taint
40 pattern-sources:
41 | - patterns:

test code live code NEW metadata docs

1 package com.r2c.tests;
2
3 import org.slf4j.Logger;
4 import org.slf4j.LoggerFactory;
5 import org.springframework.http.HttpStatus;
6 import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.*;
7 import org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.*;
8 import org.springframework.boot.autoconfigure.*;
9 import java.sql.Connection;
10 import java.sql.DriverManager;
11 import java.sql.ResultSet;
12 import java.sql.SQLException;
13 import java.sql.Statement;
14
15 @RestController
16 @EnableAutoConfiguration
17 public class TestController {
18
19 private static final Logger LOGGER = LoggerFactory.getLogger(TestController.class);
20
21 @RequestMapping(value = "/test1", method = RequestMethod.POST, produces = "plain/text")
22 ResultSet test1(@RequestBody String name) {
23 // ruleid: tainted-sql-string
24 String sql = "SELECT * FROM table WHERE name = " + name + ";";
25 Connection conn = DriverManager.getConnection("jdbc:mysql://localhost:8080", "guest",
26 "password");
27 Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();
28 ResultSet rs = stmt.execute(sql);
29 return rs;
30 }
31
32 @RequestMapping(value = "/test2", method = RequestMethod.POST, produces = "plain/text")
33 ResultSet test2(@RequestBody String name) {
34 // ruleid: tainted-sql-string
35 String sql = String.format("SELECT * FROM table WHERE name = %s;", name);
36 Connection conn = DriverManager.getConnection("jdbc:mysql://localhost:8080", "guest",
37 "password");
38 Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();
39 ResultSet rs = stmt.execute(sql);
39 return rs;

LAB3: TAINTED LOVE

Time estimation: 20min

Topics:

- Taint mode in action
- Exploring an example
- Learn about deserialization attacks
- Meeting the Playground



A man in a dark tuxedo and bow tie sits behind a light-colored wooden desk on a sandy beach. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. On the desk in front of him is a vintage-style microphone on a stand and some papers. The background shows the ocean waves crashing onto the shore.

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SOMETHING
COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT

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NOW,
IT'S
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TURN



LAB4: TIME TO GET OUR HANDS DIRTY

Time estimation: 60min

it's
UP to You

